

September 12, 2018

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on September 12, 2018, in the Lincoln County Courthouse, Libby, Montana. Present were Commissioner Cole, Commissioner Peck, Commissioner Bennett, County Administrator Darren Coldwell, and Clerk and Recorder Robin Benson.

Commissioner Cole opened the meeting with the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

10:00 AM FVCC Libby Campus Fees: Present were Alan Gerstenecker and John Blodgett. Also present were Josh Letcher and Nikki Meyer, Eureka via VisionNet.

Commissioner Bennett said the county attorney's office is reviewing materials and statutes. Commissioner Bennett requested to postpone any decisions until next week. Discussion is tabled at this time.

10:15 AM Resolution 2018-18 FY 18/19 Levies: Present were Lary Smith, Alan Gerstenecker, and John Blodgett. Also present were Josh Letcher and Nikki Meyer, Eureka via VisionNet.

Commissioner Bennett read Resolution 2018-18 FY 2018/2019 Lincoln County Levy Requirement Schedule in its entirety. Darren explained there is a \$20,000 difference in the county budget Levy Requirement Schedule that was approved last week at the public hearing. Darren said he felt it appropriate to present the error to everyone to ensure full disclosure to the commission and the press. Darren explained the error to everyone present that the total taxable value did not include the subtraction of the taxable value of newly taxable property (TIF Districts); changing the mill value. Commissioner Peck expressed appreciation for conducting business the right way, and commended Darren for the full disclosure. **Motion** by Commissioner Peck to approve Resolution 2018-18 Lincoln County Levies for FY 18/19. Second by Commissioner Bennett, motion carried unanimously.

10:30 AM Administrative Issues: Present were Lary Smith, Alan Gerstenecker, and John Blodgett. Also present were Josh Letcher and Nikki Meyer, Eureka via VisionNet.

- Robin presented the minutes for September 4 finance meeting and September 5, 2018 regular meeting for Commissioner approval. **Motion** by Commissioner Bennett to approve September 4 and 5, 2018 minutes as presented. Second by Commissioner Peck, motion carried unanimously.
- Darren informed the commission that the CDBG Planning Grant for growth policy and CEDS Update was approved. Process will start next week.
Total \$37,700 Award; Match Lincoln County \$10,000; Port Authority \$2,500.
- Commissioner Peck commented that he attended a meeting with the new County Forester Jennifer Nelson and DNRC. Discussion was an overview about Good Neighbor Authority and other potential programs.
- Commissioner Bennett informed the commission that MACo is working on legislation for reimbursement for animal issues or caring for animals when they have been confiscated.

10:45 AM Public Comment Time: Present were Lary Smith, Alan Gerstenecker, and John Blodgett. Also present were Josh Letcher and Nikki Meyer, Eureka via VisionNet.

Lary asked if Commissioner Bennett has had any further conversations about the dust issue and cost of plowing on Leonia Road. Commissioner Bennett informed Mr. Smith that it will be several weeks before he has the time, but it is on his list.

11:00 AM Upper Yaak FSA Board Appointment: Present were Lary Smith, Alan Gerstenecker, and John Blodgett. Also present were Josh Letcher and Nikki Meyer, Eureka via VisionNet.

Robin informed the commission that a person resigned from the Upper Yaak FSA Board leaving an unexpired term until 4/30/2020. Public Notice for the vacancy was advertised, placed on the courthouse bulletin boards and county website. Only one application was received by Dan Strohl. Robin said she received a letter from the Upper Yaak FSA Board of Trustees recommending appointment of Dan Strohl to complete unexpired term. **Motion** by Commissioner Bennett to appoint Dan Strohl to fill unexpired term through 4/30/2020. Second by Commissioner Peck, motion carried unanimously.

11:15 AM Special Use Permit Baldy Mountain Communication Site/Annual Support of Child Development Center: Present were Alan Gerstenecker, and John Blodgett. Also present were Josh Letcher and Nikki Meyer, Eureka via VisionNet.

- **Motion** by Commissioner Peck to table the decision for Child Development Center support pending more information and consultation with Jennifer McCully. Second by Commissioner Bennett, motion carried unanimously.
- **Special Use Permit:** Lincoln County has electronic equipment within a forest service owned building and tower. Permit allows Lincoln County to use or occupy lands in the KNF. Permit shall expire on 12/31/2047. **Motion** by Commissioner Bennett to approve the Baldy Mountain Communication Site Special Use Permit with the Forest Service. Second by Commissioner Peck, motion carried unanimously.

11:30 AM Lincoln County Air Pollution Grant (DEQ): Present were Lary Smith, Alan Gerstenecker, and John Blodgett. Also present were Josh Letcher and Nikki Meyer, Eureka via VisionNet.

Commissioner Peck commented the grant renewal was received today and the grant administrator is not here to clarify and answer questions. **Motion** by Commissioner Peck to table decision until September 26, 2018 pending time to review and have staff available to answer questions. Second by Commissioner Bennett, motion carried unanimously.

1:30 PM **Planning Department:** Present were Jake Mertes, Brett McCully, Kristin Smith, Tamara Tanberg, and Alan Gerstenecker. Also present were Josh Letcher and Nikki Meyer, Eureka via VisionNet.

- **Wilderness Club Lot 28A Subdivision:** Subdivision is in Eureka and the proposal is to subdivide Lot 28A. Jake stated that planning staff recommends commissioner approval; everything is in place. **Motion** by Commissioner Peck to approve preliminary plat for Wilderness Club Lot 28A Subdivision as presented subject to planning staff recommendations and conditions. Second by Commissioner Bennett, motion carried unanimously.
- Jake informed the commission that the county **flood plain regulation** is outdated and needs to be looked at.

1:40 PM **Meeting Adjourned**

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Mike Cole, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Robin A. Benson, Clerk of the Board